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J. C. Lewis.
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Rev. A A Phelps

Dear Sir Yours of the 18th inst was duly rec'd And I have just a moment to say that you must give up the idea of returning to N.Y. Much confidence as we may have in the wisdom of the Committee We solemnly protest against the inexpediency of your leaving this part of Ct. in the situation we now are. I was at Farmington last evening & the good people there say you must not go Perhaps we may mob you if you attempt to leave us. No-No- Papers are good But Litchfield County wants the living preacher moreover I have promised our Stone pledge that you will visit Washington & Cornwall & no substitute will answer in those places. There are particular reasons why it is desirable that you in person should travel over the ground where Dr Beecher once moved To day I rec'd a letter from Gen Boinsmade of Washington. He has consulted a few friends & they would rejoice to have you drop in among them I had much rather on my own part forego the pleasure of having you resume your lectures here (for the present) than to have my friends at W disappointed. I am in haste & must close by requesting that you will let me hear from you by return mail & do if possible go to W. & C yourself before which I shall hope to see you Respectfully Yours

J C Lewis